CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS CALIFORNIA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 21, 2026
2:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCary called the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER:	PRESENT:	Conners, Horne, Moore, Lee, McCary
	ABSENT:	-

All councilmembers participated in-person at the meeting location.

STAFF PRESENT:	City Manager Macon, City Attorney Patterson, Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres, City Clerk Trippy

All staff participated in-person at the meeting location.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Horne led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4.1 International Holocaust Remembrance Day – January 27, 2026

The following members of the public made comments:

1. Unidentified member of the public
2. Alana Silverberg, resident
3. Unidentified member of the public
4. Dalia Bromberg, resident
5. David Cohen, resident

Councilmembers made comments.

Mayor McCary called for a moment of silence in observance of International Holocaust

Remembrance Day.

A moment of silence was observed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McCary commented on coyote activity.

The following individuals expressed concerns regarding coyote activity and the City's response to the same:

1. Frank Yturralde, resident
2. Diane Duray, resident
3. Zosia, resident
4. Nick Papageorges, resident (also submitted written public comments, which were provided to the City Council)
5. Gay Page, resident (also submitted written public comments, which were provided to the City Council)
6. Marie Collins, resident
7. David Cohen, resident
8. Ronald Drauden, resident (also commented on the Laguna Woods Dog Club's dog licensing/vaccination event and submitted a flyer for the event, which was provided to the City Council)
9. Dianne Campell, resident
10. Cate Kennedy, resident
11. Robert Helfand, resident
12. Ellie, resident
13. Shanna Hermann, resident
14. Pam Thomas, resident
15. Robyn Rose, resident
16. Unidentified member of the public
17. William Nuesse, resident
18. Jan Rand, resident
19. Mark Spooler, resident

City Manager Macon noted that written public comments were received from Donna Karbach ahead of today's meeting. Those comments were provided to the City Council and express concerns regarding coyote activity and the City's response to the same.

Councilmembers and City Manager Macon briefly responded to the public comments.

Mayor McCary called for a brief recess.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:56 p.m.

VI. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 City Treasurer's Report

Administrative Services Director/City Treasurer Torres made a presentation.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to receive and file the City Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2025.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Conners, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve Consent Calendar items 7.1-7.2.

7.1 City Council Minutes

Approved the City Council meeting minutes for the regular meeting on December 17, 2025 and the adjourned regular meeting on December 22, 2025.

7.2 Payment Register

Approved the payment register dated January 21, 2026, in the amount of $1,165,968.58.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1 Conditional Use Permit CUP-2025-0003, a request by the Camino School/St. Nicholas Catholic Church for approval of a conditional use permit amending Conditional Use Permit CUP-291 to allow for the establishment of an educational institution use, alternative provisions to off-street parking regulations resulting in a reduction in available off-street parking stalls during certain hours, and installation of an outdoor shed at the property located at 24252 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Mayor McCary opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers discussed the item and the applicant and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to adopt a resolution titled:

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP-2025-0003 TO AMEND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CUP-291 TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL

INSTITUTION USE, ALTERNATIVE PROVISIONS TO OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS RESULTING IN A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE OFF-STREET PARKING STALLS DURING CERTAIN HOURS, AND INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR SHED AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 24252 EL TORO ROAD, LAGUNA WOODS, CA 92637, AND DETERMINING THAT THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15301 OF TITLE 14 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

8.2 City Council Salary and Expense Reimbursement

City Manager Macon introduced the item.

Mayor McCary opened the public hearing.

With no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee, and carried on a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Moore opposed, to approve the introduction and first reading of an ordinance – ready by title with further reading waived – titled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA WOODS, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.02 OF THE LAGUNA WOODS MUNICIPAL CODE INCREASING THE SALARY THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AND THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IS ELIGIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR, AND DETERMINING AND CERTIFYING THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

with the salary amount set at $500 per month and added in place of each instance of "[INSERT AMOUNT HERE]" in the proposed ordinance.

IX. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS

9.1 Southern California Association of Governments 2026 General Assembly Delegate and Alternate Delegate

City Manager Macon made a presentation.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Councilmember Conners, seconded by Councilmember Horne, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to appoint Councilmember Moore as the delegate at the Southern California Association of Governments' 2026 General Assembly on May 7, 2026 in Palm Desert, California.

9.2 City Council Term Limits
(agendized by Mayor Pro Tem Lee)

Mayor Pro Tem Lee introduced the item.

The following members of the public expressed support for term limits:

1. Allison Bok, resident
2. Micki Nozaki, resident
3. Steve Torres, resident
4. Nancy Carlson, resident

Kathryn Freshley, resident, commented on the importance of tenure for regional boards.

City Clerk Trippy noted that written public comments were received from Walter Valencia at today's meeting. Those comments were provided to the City Council after the meeting and express support for term limits.

Councilmembers discussed the item and staff responded to questions.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Lee to direct staff to draft an ordinance for future consideration by the City Council that would – if placed on a future ballot by the City Council and subsequently approved by registered voters – enact term limits of two terms totaling eight years of service for members of the City Council. The motion died for a lack of a second.

X. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

10.1 Coastal Greenbelt Authority

Mayor McCary provided a report, including a PowerPoint presentation.

10.2 Orange County Fire Authority

Councilmember Horne provided a report and responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

10.3 Orange County Library Advisory Board

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

10.4 Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Mayor Pro Tem Lee provided a report and responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

10.5 San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency

Councilmember Conners provided a report and responded to a question from Mayor McCary.

10.6 South Orange County Watershed Management Area

Councilmember Moore provided a report.

City Manager Macon responded to a question from Councilmember Moore.

10.7 Liaisons to Community Bridge Builders

No report

10.8 Other Comments and Reports – None

XI. CLOSED SESSION – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT – None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: February 18, 2026

ANNIE MCCARY, Mayor